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**NO UNANIMOUS SENTIMENT.**

**For Discontinuance of the Modus Vivendi of 1888.**

**Prominent Provincial Has Strong Article in Sydney Record.**

The Sydney, C. B., Record of December 7, has the following regarding the discontinuance of the modus vivendi:

"Expressions of opinion in regard to the matter of continuing or not continuing the modus vivendi of 1888 are not unanimous by any means.

"There are already quite a few who have expressed the opinion that the modus vivendi has been productive of much benefit to our fishermen and others. One gentleman, who is a fairly good authority on matters appertaining to the fisheries, points out that almost at the Record's door benefits are reaped by reason of the fact that American fishermen are permitted to purchase supplies, etc., at Canadian ports. He points out that at North Sydney, which port is frequented during the summer and fall by large numbers of fishing vessels, a large amount of business is done supplying them. What is true of North Sydney is also true of other ports.

"Then there is the question of finding employment for Nova Scotia fishermen. He points out that were the privilege of hiring crews withdrawn from the Americans it would only result in entailing useless and unnecessary hardships on those who desired to ship.

"The Americans would not be prevented from hiring Canadians. Long experience had taught the Gloucester vessel owners that as either master or fisherman Nova Scotian had no superior or indeed no equal. That being so they would bring them to the United States rather than be deprived of them.

"He further adds that it is all nonsense to assume that the enjoyment of that privilege by the Americans prevents Nova Scotians from prosecuting the industry. A little energy and industry together with a little more faith in the strong position that Nova Scotia enjoys as base for a large fishing trade is what is indeed more than the removal of an arrangement that on the whole has worked well."

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**BEAMLESS TRAWL TRIAL.**

**Apparatus Worked Well in Ipswich Bay on Monday.**

**Capt. Solomon Jacobs and Inventor in Charge of Test.**

The trial of the patent beamless trawl, previously referred to in the TIMES, was made in Ipswich Bay Monday afternoon by the gasoline launch Lydia F., Capt. Samuel C. Young.

The trial was in charge of Capt. Rippon, of England, the inventor, and Capt. Solomon Jacobs of this city, and the result was considered very satisfactory. A small trawl, with a 20-foot opening, was used for the trial and worked well. The experiment was made in from 10 to 12 fathoms of water and a variety of fish taken.

The trial was quite thorough and the trawl worked finely. The amount of fish taken was not large, as this is not a good fish ground, but as the trip was to test the working of the trawl rather than for a big catch, the operators were not disappointed. Capt. Jacobs speaks very highly of the invention and is thinking of trying a regular, large-sized one in the fisheries next season.

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**FIRST FARE OF FROZEN HERRING**

**Sch. Golden-Rod Arrived from Bay of Islands.**

**FIRST TO ARRIVE LAST YEAR.**

**Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, with Salt Herring, Had Stormy Passage.**

Sch. Golden-Rod, Capt. Dominick Arsenault, arrived here this afternoon from Bay of Islands, with a full cargo of frozen herring, the first frozen herring cargo to arrive here from Newfoundland this season. The cargo was artificially frozen by the pan process.

Last year the same vessel gained the distinction of returning first with a frozen herring fare, reaching here on December 8.

In speaking of the trip to a TIMES representative, Capt. Arsenault said that the vessel left Bay of Islands a week ago yesterday and had a fine passage up to last Saturday night. At that time the craft was within 50 miles of Thacher's island, when the northeast gale and snow storm burst on them in all its fury. So bad did it come that it was dangerous to continue running on the land, and Capt. Arsenault was obliged to haul to and then lay the craft to for 12 hours.

The vessel had a hard time of it and burst her foresail as well as breaking her foregaff, then she had to lay to under a reefed riding sail and piece of the jumbo until it moderated before she could make sail for port.

Capt. Arsenault says that the gale was extremely heavy and that the vessel really had a hard time.

Sch. Golden-Rod, which has brought home more first cargoes of frozen herring than any other vessel, has this time the largest load she ever carried, fully 300,000 pounds of frozen herring and a deckload of 150 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Capt. Benj. McGray, arrived this noon from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of salt herring. Capt. McGray reports a hard stormy passage home with head winds about all the time.

On Saturday at midnight the Hodgdon was within 20 miles of Thacher's island, when the northeast gale caught her in all its fury, accompanied by a blinding fall of snow. So bad was it that Capt. McGray found it impossible to make port and was obliged to haul his craft off shore. The storm continued Sunday, and as soon as there was a living show the Hodgdon was headed again for port and arrived here this noon without accident.

**STORM WAS SEVERE.**

**Number of Fishing Vessels Ashore on Cape Breton Coast.**

A despatch from Halifax yesterday reports great havoc having been wrought by the storm of Sunday of last week. At North Sydney, schs. Samoset, Edith Emery, Fanny S. Orne and Maggie A. are ashore. Many fishing boats were dashed to pieces on the beach. At Ingonish, C. B., the storm caused great damage, washing away all the fishing stages, nets, etc., and sinking 29 large boats which were riding at anchor.

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**HAD GALE HEAVY.**

**Sch. Corsair Lost Part of Salt Herring Deckload.**

**Was Twenty Miles from Thachers When Storm Burst.**

Sch. Corsair, Capt. George G. Hamor, arrived here last evening from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring.

The Corsair left for home a week ago last Monday and had good weather until last Saturday night when within 20 miles off Thachers island she encountered a very heavy gale which forced her to be hove to and drove her 70 miles to sea before she could again make sail for port.

The gale was a very severe one and was accompanied by blinding snow and an exceptionally heavy sea. Capt. Hamor says the wind for a time was about the strongest he ever encountered. The glass was on 29 and all the conditions reminded him of the night the Portland was lost.

The gale came on quickly and at 3 o'clock Sunday morning was blowing with terrific violence. The Corsair was then within 20 miles of Thacher's island, but it was impossible to run on the land any closer, so Capt. Hamor hauled his craft off and hove to.

The sea rose to terrific height and constantly washed the deck of the craft. One giant comber struck on the quarter, and in a twinkling 56 barrels of herring which were lashed between the house and hatch were in the air and carried over the side.

Beyond this the craft met with no accident, but it was 20 hours before the gale abated so that she could be once more headed for port.

An examination of the gripes by which the barrels of herring had been lashed, showed how powerful had been the force of the sea, for some of the bolts had been drawn through the deck and beams, while others had been broken off and in some cases the rings had pulled out of the eyes of the bolts.

**VESSELS FREEZING HERRING.**

**Plenty of Frost at Bay of Islands Yesterday.**

**Herring, However, Still Continue To Be Quite Scarce.**

A despatch from Bay of Islands, N. F., states that there was plenty of frost there yesterday and that herring are still scarce.

As frost has struck, the vessels have probably begun to put the herring on scaffolds and the chances are that not many will be salted from now on.

**SAD NEWS AWAITING.**

**Capt. Nels Lawson Learns of Fatal Burning of Daughter.**

Sch. Ella G. King, Capt. Nels Lawson, arrived at Boothbay Harbor yesterday with 3000 pounds cod and 10,000 pounds halibut. It was a sad occasion for the skipper, as he was informed of the fatal burning of his little daughter Dorothy, which happened a short time ago at his home on Friend street in this city. Capt. Lawson immediately came to his family in this city.



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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Corsair, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1286  
bbis. salt herring.  
Sch. Smuggler, Cape Shore, 60,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.  
Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, \$4.00 for medium.  
Salt hake, \$1.75.  
Salt haddock, \$1.75.  
Salt cusk, \$2.50.  
Fresh large codfish, \$2.50, medium do., \$1.75.  
Fresh haddock, \$1.20.  
Fresh hake, \$1.10.  
Fresh cusk, \$1.75.  
Large salt mackerel, \$24 per bbl.  
Salt tinker mackerel, \$10.25 per bbl.  
Large fresh mackerel, 25 cts. each.  
Flitche halibut, 6 cts. per lb.  
Fresh bait herring, \$2.50 to \$3 per bbl.  
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.  
Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.  
Fresh pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.  
Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.  
Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

### Boston.

Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 18,000 pollock.  
Sch. Reliance, 15,000 pollock.  
Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 7000 hake.  
Sch. Gertrude, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Eva Avina, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Ramona, 4000 haddock, 2000 hake.  
Sch. M. P. Howlett, 10,000 haddock, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Alcina, 14,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Emma W. Brown, 12,000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$4 to \$4.50; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; hake, \$1.75 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. W. H. Moody was at Portland yesterday.

### Steam Trawling Pays.

Reports from Newcastle-on-Tyne would indicate that steam trawling is a profitable industry, though of late its profits have been a good deal curtailed by excessive competition. The Hull Steam Fishing and Ice Company, however, has no reason to complain, for the annual report states that after allowing 15,868 pounds for depreciation, there remains sufficient to pay a dividend of 5 per cent. on the ordinary shares, together with a bonus of 5 per cent., making a total distribution for the year of 15 per cent.

### BIG SCHOOL OF MACKEREL.

Seen Last Friday By Sch. Frances P. Mesquita.

Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, of the sch. Frances P. Mesquita of this port, which arrived here yesterday from Boston, reports that on Friday last, when 45 miles southeast of Highland light, he and his crew sighted a very large body of mackerel. This is unusual for this time of the year.

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## STEAMER SPRAY SAILS TODAY.

### Steam Otter Trawler Ready for Her Maiden Trip.

### Will Be Given a Great Sendoff from T Wharf.

An event of more than usual importance in the fishing world today is the sailing of the first steam otter trawler to engage in the New England fisheries.

The steel steamer Spray, owned and controlled by a syndicate of Boston business men and in command of Capt. H. Dexter Malone, one of the smartest skippers who ever went fresh fishing, will leave T wharf sometime today, fully equipped for fishing with the otter trawl.

The craft is thoroughly English in her fittings and equipment, and Capt. Malone spent four months in England the past summer and fall studying thoroughly the English steam trawlers and the use of the otter trawl, and will have with him on the Spray two experienced English steam trawling captains.

The event of the maiden trip of the Spray is one of great importance in the New England fisheries, and the results attained will be watched with very great interest.

Nothing has been spared to make the Spray a perfectly equipped craft, and there are many who believe that she will prove that steam trawling can be pursued in these waters with success and profit.

She is sure to get a royal send off as she leaves T wharf, on account of the great interest in the venture and also because Capt. Malone is very popular.

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### Herring Notes.

A St. John's, N. F., despatch of yesterday says:

"The Newfoundland government is arranging to patrol Fortune and Placentia bays, on the south coast, to take preventive measures in the event of American fishermen attempting to secure cargoes of herring there.

"Bay of Islands will be frozen over by the end of this month, preventing further herring fishing at that inlet.

"The Americans have no treaty rights to fish in the southern bays and any attempts to secure cargoes there, it is said, will involve the risk of the confiscation of the offending vessels."

As no American vessels have gone to Fortune or Placentia Bays this season and none intend going there, it seems that this patrol of these bays is all unnecessary.

### Herring Notes.

The cargo of frozen herring of sch. Golden-Rod, which arrived here yesterday, is already practically sold, and refrigerator car shipments are being made today. They will go to New York and other cities.

The fare of salt herring of sch. Corsair was sold to be divided among several of the smoking firms.

### Good Stocks.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee of Boston, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley of this city, stocked \$1800 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$1500 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

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Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, shore.  
Sch. Appomattox, via Boston.

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Sch. Florida, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 4000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Catherine Burke, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 4300 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Catherine G. Howard, 18,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 30,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Sadie M. Numan, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 17,000 cod.  
Sch. Flavilla, 10,030 haddock, 500 cod, 8000 hake.  
Sch. Lillian, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Harmony, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Yakima, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Hattie F. Kuowilton, 7000 cod.  
Haddock, \$3 to \$4; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$3; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.40.

### Nova Scotia Lobster Deal.

A deal has been closed at Yarmouth, N. S., whereby several large Nova Scotian lobster dealers have entered a combine with a \$50,000 capital.